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BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, PA

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## *End-of-Summer and Fall Activities Abound in Our Community*

## **Block Party, Heritage Day, Halloween and Much More!**

The greater Orwigsburg community is blessed to have so many businesses, organizations, and groups of individuals with the unflinching support of the Borough government, all enthusiastically working for the betterment and enjoyment of residents and visitors.

It's been an active spring and summer with three Square Time events – Yappy Hour, Family Fun Fest, and Farm-to-Square – a children's fishing rodeo, town-wide yard sale, all day Memorial Day activities, the recent Kite Festival, youth baseball and softball, swimming at the BMMS pool, playground instruction at Albright's Woods, and so much more.

Face it! There are a lot of things to do in Orwigsburg if you seek them out, thanks to a variety of people and groups. But wait, we're just getting revved up. The momentum keeps building now through the end of the year.

### ***End-of-Summer Block Party***

All are invited! Free food and drink, entertainment, fun and games are yours at the annual Community Block Party hosted by Salem Church. Fundraising throughout the year provides this gift to all who want to attend.



This is a “block” party in the truest sense as the one-block area of West Independence St. between S. Warren and S. Liberty streets adjacent to the church will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Games, crafts, a bounce house and slide, non-stop live music by three bands, and street performers will party the entire time.

Amateur and professional cooks will compete again for the title of “Best Wings” in the OrWINGSburg Cook-Off Contest at the church during the Block Party.

### ***Make history on September 8***

The 27th annual Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 on and about the town square. The event welcomes visitors and invites residents to reflect on our historic past, enjoy the present, and look toward the future of Orwigsburg.

The day will begin with a pancake and sausage

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 26** – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8** – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – “On the Square” and North Warren Street; Apple Fest, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. John's UCC Fellowship Center, E. Market Street.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 6** – St. Paul's Lutheran Church holds its annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24** – Halloween Parade, begins at 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31** – Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

### OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the remaining days in 2018 in observance of the stated holidays - Labor Day, September 3; Veterans' Day, Nov. 12; Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 and 23; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 24 and 25.

## Fall Events

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breakfast offered by Salem Church from 7 to 11 a.m. in its Fellowship Hall on Independence St. Then all attention moves to Centre Square and N. Warren St. with a wide variety of vendors and crafts, games and live music, street performers and displays of all kinds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salem Church will have a "welcoming" station with face painting and free goodies. Kimmels Church will operate a booth and bounce house, children's games, and balloon handouts.

St. John's UCC will again hold its Apple Fest in conjunction with Heritage Day. Plan to visit the Fellowship Hall, adjacent to the church on East Market St., beginning at 9 a.m. for the best in home-made apple products, including pies, dumplings, crisps, and many more apple delights until sold out. A sit-down lunch will also be available as a break from the Square activities. The St. John's quilters will display and raffle-off a handmade quilt and other prizes.

It being Heritage Day, be sure to visit the Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum just one block north of Centre Square at 109 E. Mifflin St. The headquarters will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a special Independence and Civil War re-enactor program at 11 a.m.

### Churches offer fall events

Kimmels Church will host a Family Fun Day at the Deer Lake community park on Sunday after Heritage Day, Sept. 9, with games and food. All are welcome, but asked to bring a food item for others to enjoy.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 6. A variety of craft and

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product vendors, food, raffle for gift baskets, and baked goods promise an enjoyable time.

Salem Church plans its Holiday Stop and Shop on Saturday, Nov. 10 with product vendors displaying and selling their wares. Food and baked goods will also be featured.

## Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Orwigsburg.

This year's ghoulish parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The parade route will again be designed to improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past, the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

To register your group for the parade or to obtain more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or [mike1swenson@gmail.com](mailto:mike1swenson@gmail.com).

Trick-or-Treat - Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's design-

nated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night, Wednesday, Oct. 31 between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

## Labor Day & Veterans Day

The national holiday to honor workers - Labor Day - will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 3. All Borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 8.

Veterans Day services "on the square" in Orwigsburg are always marked on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Sunday, Nov. 11 this year. Please plan to be a part of this solemn event. Being an official holiday for workers, all Orwigsburg Borough operations will close on Monday, Nov. 12. Refuse collection will not be affected by the holiday.

## Mark your calendar

Much more information on Thanksgiving and Christmas season activities will be included in the November issue of **Orwigsburg Happenings**, but a couple key events that attract family and friends from near and far should be noted.

The Orwigsburg Holly Trail tour of decorated homes and other places of interest will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. That evening, Orwigsburg's Festival of Lights program and arrival of Santa Claus will be held on Centre Square beginning at 4:30 p.m.



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## Message from the Council President

If you are like me, you love living in Orwigsburg for a variety of reasons. The most often spoken reason is the small town feel that Orwigsburg offers its residents.



**MICHELE RUDLOFF**  
Council President

We have a thriving business district, great home prices, amazing school district, and plenty to do in the area. It's part of the reason why Orwigsburg's real estate market is doing so well, as many are moving into the area because of what we have to offer.

Orwigsburg continues to be a conservative town. This belief in "doing more with less" is reflected in our residents. They know the importance of working hard for that paycheck and they make sure that it is used to better their families.

The same can be said, as well, of Borough officials and Council members. We recognize that we need to put your tax dollars back into your community and we take that responsibility very seriously.

### *But, there comes a time ...*

In some ways the Borough finds itself at a crossroads. For decades we did without, put little effort into improving our roads, maintained minimum

improvements to our water and sewer system, and cut our operating budget to the bare bones.

Yes, some may say that is the role of government. We now, unfortunately, find ourselves in a position when outdated equipment is breaking, roads are in a constant state of disrepair, and we're having to make very difficult decisions on our future.

Though I consider myself a conservative and support the philosophy of doing "more with less," I am frustrated when asking our employees and our Borough Manager to do "more with very little." It's kind of like a hamster on an exercise wheel - he keeps thinking he's getting ahead, but the wheel just keeps turning and the expectations keep growing. The same can be said for our Borough.

### *Need a plan to replace equipment*

Take, for example, our vehicles. Not only do they support our spring/summer/fall Streets Program but are also the heart and soul of our winter maintenance efforts.

Would it surprise you to know that the newest vehicle in our fleet is 10 years old? That's a fact! Ten years and that's our NEWEST! I'm guessing the vehicle sitting in your garage is newer than that and not responsible for the snow removal for 3,300 residents.

To make matters worse, the Borough has nothing budgeted for equipment purchases and hasn't for

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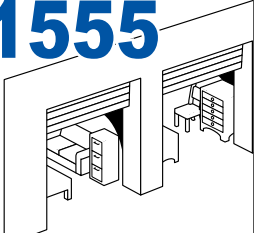
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# Message from the Council President

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years. If something breaks or we lose a truck completely, we'll immediately be in a budget hole.

Vehicles aren't the only area where we do this. No one can deny our streets are in a current state of disrepair with many needing major infrastructure improvements. The list of road maintenance projects town-wide grows by the day. Even in some of our newer sections, such as the Ridgeview development, major upgrades are needed.

## *A lot of catching up to do*

Yet how much and how often, historically, have we budgeted for streets maintenance? Two years ago it was zero and we only received \$100,000 from the state's Liquid Fuels Program. This past year, Borough Council approved the budget with an additional

\$60,000 allocated. But even with \$160,000, the road projects on our "must do" list easily exceeded that amount. We're fortunate that we can do one project per year.

Many will say, "Well, can't you do more with less? Can't the borough crew do more in-house?"

Yes we can - and yes we do - at every opportunity. The Borough's street crew members are very well trained and able to do a lot of prep work on road projects in-house; but, we need to bid-out and contract the remaining portion of the project as required by law.

## *Demand the best and pay for it*

The street crew gives its all, but some of our residents criticized the decision this year to change their rate of pay, reflecting their worth to the Borough. Prior to this year, our highly qualified street employees could make more money, per hour with a signing bonus, at Sheetz or McDonald's.

Let that sink in a moment. The people who take care of our infrastructure, plow our snow, and maintain our water and sewer systems were making less than someone flipping burgers.

Our street crew employees aren't the only ones who are expected to do more with less. The Orwigsburg Police Department has been expected to do that for decades.

Back in the 1990s the Borough asked the PA

## SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of **Orwigsburg Happenings**? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or [kathi@orwigsburg.net](mailto:kathi@orwigsburg.net)

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Department of Community and Economic Development to survey the police needs for our community. At that time, the study results called for a force of seven full time officers. Twenty-six years later, here we are trying to keep you and your family safe on a wing, a prayer and a shoestring budget.

Chief John Koury has done a fantastic job since taking over as Chief and I'm encouraged by the progress the department is making. But, the truth is we are NOT providing 24/7 police coverage with the chief and four full time patrol officers. Due to holidays, court case attendance, sickness, vacations, and off-site training needs, it will take one more officer to ensure that all shifts can be covered.

### ***Demands on police are mounting***

Add to this dilemma the ever-changing face of community policing.

Crime is up a lot. Increases in police calls have been on the climb countywide, statewide, and nationally. Our "safe" town of Orwigsburg is no exception.

Additionally, violent crime is up. Society is experiencing greater incidents of domestic violence, armed robbery, burglary, assault . . . and you name it.

You can't turn on the television without hearing about another opioid overdose. Not a problem in Orwigsburg? You're wrong.

An increase in threats and school violence has required more time spent partnering with the Blue



Mountain School District and, specifically, the Elementary East and Middle School buildings where our police have jurisdiction.

Right now, our police budget represents more than 50% of the overall Borough operating budget. Orwigsburg is surrounded by townships and other communities without full time local police. These other municipalities rely on the Pennsylvania State Police to respond following a reportable crime. They pay nothing for this coverage; but, for their residents, the crime has already been committed.

A recent survey of our residents revealed that nearly 70% of those responding would be willing to pay more in taxes to assure 24/7 local police coverage. That's astonishing and shows the community support for Chief Koury and his efforts. It also shows that public safety is your priority and needs to be a priority to Borough Council as well.

So as the Council begins the task of preparing next year's budget, know that we will continue to do as much as we can with as little money as possible. But, we also must be responsible and do what we need to allow Orwigsburg to thrive and grow, even if it means raising taxes. After all, we can't continue to run on that hamster exercise wheel like we have for the last 30 years, can we?

- Michele Rudloff, Borough Council President

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This spring and summer the Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association (OBPA) has coordinated and hosted four amazing events — its annual Membership Mixer plus three monthly Square Time celebrations: Yappy Hour in May, Family Funfest in June, and Farm-to-Square in August.

Yet to come on the heels of these exciting community events will be Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 8, Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24, and the ever-anticipated Festival of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 1.

## Heritage Day

This is the 27th anniversary of our Heritage celebration, providing area residents and visitors with the opportunity to reflect on the past and enjoy the present. Activities begin at 9 a.m. “on the square” and continue until 3 p.m.

Listen to music by Jay Smar as well as Fallen Pride. A third band time slot remains open, but should be finalized shortly. OBPA is always looking for a variety of musical acts to book. Suggestions are always welcome. As the live music plays on, enjoy the wonderful offerings of our many and varied vendors or

swing by one of the local restaurants or food trucks for a bite to eat. All the details of Heritage Day will be announced closer to the event.

## Small Business Saturday

By the time the leaves start to fall, and the town begins to quiet down from the hustle of summer, the holiday season will be here before we know it. As you enjoy autumn fun, we remind all to support your local businesses and to always shop locally whenever possible.

Local businesses are warm and welcoming every day they are open, but especially so on Small

Business Saturday on Nov. 24 with unique gift ideas for yourself and your loved ones. Be sure to “like” the Orwigsburg Business and

Professional Association Facebook page so that you get up-to-the-minute information. You, too, can join the group to know what members are participating.

## OBPA helps build our community

Did you know that in addition to hosting many events for our town, OBPA donates funds to several local charities and non-profit organizations?

One of our goals is to encourage aspiring entrepreneurs. To this end, we have established two yearly scholarships – one for a deserving Blue Mountain High School senior and another for the Young Entrepreneur Academy.

Our annual Membership Mixer brings together local business owners, leaders and government officials. Close working relationships are maintained with both Orwigsburg Borough and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

## Preserving and improving

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It doubles as a "way-finding" destination sign pointing the direction to Borough Hall, the Orwigsburg Historical Society, and the Orwigsburg Free Public Library. It pairs well with the style and size of Orwigsburg's iconic clock located nearby.

## *Be a member of OBPA*

Come out, get involved in your community, and have some fun at the same time. OBPA welcomes all volunteers to help organize and carry out any of these community activities. You do not need to be a business owner.

Information on the organization and its mission, members, and events can be found at [www.orwigsburgbusiness.org](http://www.orwigsburgbusiness.org). Please join our Facebook page or group to find out up-to-the-minute happenings. Or email us at [orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com](mailto:orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com). You can also contact OBPA President Pat Falco at 610-462-9167.



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# Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall

## Gen. George Joulwan to Keynote Capital Campaign Dinner

The sweltering summer heat has not stopped the progress of the Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Task Force. We continue to push forward on building improvements.

The focus of Borough residents and those in surrounding communities is usually on vacations and outdoor activities this time of year. The task force is focusing most of its efforts on the indoors.

Capitalizing on slower foot traffic through the building this time of year, the task force has been aggressive with its construction efforts. Visitors will be pleasantly surprised when they return to indoor activities this fall.

Brand new storage space will be home for chairs, tables, floor mats, basketballs, baseballs, etc. – out-of-site from others using the building when not in use. Proper storage provides a safe and secure space for all to interact.

Also underway are improvements to the Veteran's Memorial room. This part of the building work is slowly moving toward completion when the building exterior was added two summers ago. Office space has been included for use by our veteran groups, pro-



viding a place to meet, safe storage for belongings, and space for veteran benefit assistance.

The long-awaited return of an outside basketball court, located on the east side of the building, is nearing completion. It brings together a diverse recreation area that includes the baseball fields, walking trail and the recently upgraded playground area.

### *Capital Campaign to the finish line*

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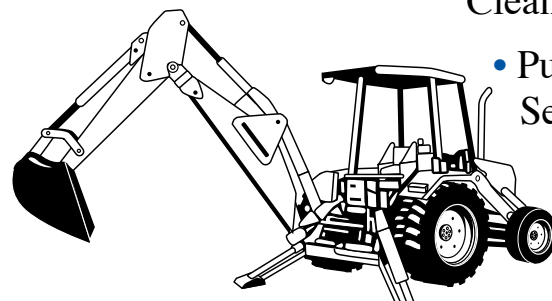
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# Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall

of this would have been possible. As summer comes to a close, the Task Force, in conjunction with the Captain Jason Jones Memorial Foundation, will be kicking off a Capital Campaign, that will climax with a very special event Veterans Day weekend on Saturday, Nov. 10.

A "They Did It For You" Capital Campaign dinner, honoring all veterans and paying special homage to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice - their lives! - will be held in Veterans Memorial Hall beginning at 6 p.m. The rebuilt "Memorial" now stands as a special remembrance of service to all veterans.

United States Army General George Joulwan will be the keynote speaker at the dinner. General Joulwan is a former Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, a native



**GEN. GEORGE JOULWAN (Ret)**

of Pottsville and husband of former Orwigsburg resident Karen Jones Joulwan.

The Capital Campaign is designed to raise the funds necessary to complete the space of honor, solitude and reflection for all area veterans who served this community and country with honor and distinction.

The Task Force, Capital Campaign officers, and volunteers will be turning to the businesses and residents of our borough and surrounding communities for the financial support needed to complete construction on the Veterans' Memorial Foyer.

These funds will be directly used for the completion of this space and the creation of the honor roll pieces. The Orwigsburg Borough office is continually accepting honor roll applicants that will be on display in the completed space.

If you or your family has information of local veterans not already on the current list, please submit a completed form to Borough Manager Bob Williams at Borough Hall. The form can be downloaded from the Task Force website - [www.orwigsburgmemorial.com](http://www.orwigsburgmemorial.com) or by contacting Borough Hall at (570) 366-3103.

For anyone considering donating time or cash to the cause, follow the link to our website, check us out on Facebook, email [memorial@orwigsburg.net](mailto:memorial@orwigsburg.net), or reach out to a task force member for more information. Every pledge helps get us one step closer to completion.

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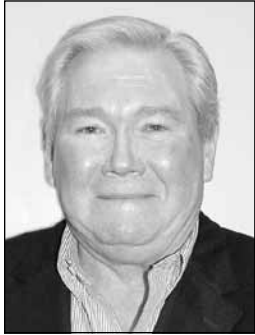
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# Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

## Opinions and Actions – America Starts Here

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I felt the first time I drove up Market Street into our newly adorned Centre Square. Our Borough Manager, staff, and crew decorated the Square and Borough Hall with United States flags, bunting, and flowers. It is a beautiful compliment to the “Our Heroes” street banner program displayed throughout Orwigsburg.



**BARRY J. BERGER**  
Mayor

The catchy “America Starts Here” buzz line; fits just as well here in Orwigsburg as for Philadelphia or Boston or anywhere else in America.

In its originally intended form, our government is formed with the consent of the governed through free election. Much of our current government has strayed well beyond that initial intention.

As the level of government ascends from local to county to state to federal, our influence as voting individuals becomes progressively diluted. If we add the pressures of lobbyists and contributors, it really isn't a surprise that little is achieved at the state and federal levels.

We can apply much greater direction at the munic-

ipal level as our vote is one of hundreds rather than one of millions. The folks in Washington argue about emails, Russia, tariffs and Supreme Court nominees to little effect. The arguments will continue as long as opposing views can muster a media audience. While these issues are not insignificant, the wide range of opinion in these matters make consensus a very distant goal.

Though even more elemental than local government, contrast that process with the recent rescue of the twelve Thai youth soccer players and their coach from a flooding cave. The problem was clear, the solution was nearly impossible and no margin for error was permissible. The resolve and cooperation necessary to complete the rescue were nothing short of phenomenal.

As you will read in the Council President's comments, we have some clear problems to deal with in our borough. Though not as imminent in danger as a flooding cave, ignoring these issues will lead to more difficult consequences to solve. Addressing these matters present no easy solutions.

However, I firmly believe that through focused and combined effort we can deal with whatever lies ahead of us. And we can say together, “America keeps on going here”.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor



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## News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, [kathi@orwigsburg.net](mailto:kathi@orwigsburg.net) or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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# Orwigsburg Police Department

## Pedal Power Fuels Police Bike Patrol

The Orwigsburg Police Bicycle Patrol has been in existence since 2001. Officers first attend a 40-hour certification course by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) prior to assignment. The training focuses on safe cycling, skill development, and police-specific techniques and tactics.



**OFFICER  
ROBERT BECHTEL**

Bike Patrol Officers patrol the Borough on their bicycles just as they would in a car. Bicycles allow officers to access areas, such as trails, alleys, and wooded areas, that would be impractical or inaccessible for normal patrol cars.

In vehicles, officers may be too distant and too visible to catch crimes in progress. However, when silently riding a bicycle, an officer can see suspicious activity. Stealth is used to catch unsuspecting criminals and there is a mechanical advantage if one decides to run.

Bicycles also allow our officers more one-on-one contact with citizens. Officers aren't isolated in a

vehicle and, instead, are more approachable when riding on patrol.

Bicycle Officers patrol during all hours of the day and, in particular, during special events. The uniform consists of a high visibility and high contrast polo shirt with reflective stripe, helmet, eye protection, and gloves.

Bicycles are specially equipped with a lighting package that includes headlights, emergency lights, and a siren. They are considered, by law, to be emergency vehicles. Motorists must still yield to the bicycle if lights and siren are activated and Bicycle Officers may perform traffic stops.

### *Like us on Facebook*

Facebook and other social media outlets can be a powerful tool to local law enforcement agencies. But, if there is an immediate issue (such as speeding, failure to yield to pedestrian traffic, or any other public safety matter), bring that issue directly to the police department.

Posting a problem as a general statement on a page other than our own is not helping us to immediately curb the issue. We certainly don't want our community to think we are not acting in everyone's best interest.

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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## Coffee-With-A-Cop is Saturday

No agenda, no speeches ... just a chance to ask questions, share thoughts, and to get to know the Orwigsburg police officers in your neighborhood.



It's the second Coffee-With-A-Cop, slated for Saturday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. It's also an opportunity to see the renovated Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall, 300 Grove St. just off North Washington St. adjacent to the Orwigsburg Little League field.

Chief John Koury and officers Tanner Noecker, Bryce Lewis, and Robert Bechtel will be on hand.

Officer Bechtel, a certified "police bicycle officer," will hold bike demonstrations and offer bike safety tips for enthusiasts of all ages. The officers will show the department's newest vehicle with state-of-the-art computer and other department equipment.

The coffee is free and Market Square Coffee House will have other breakfast items for sale.

## Trash/Recycling Receptacles

The Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association (OBPA) purchased three sets of trash and recycling receptacles recently placed on Centre Square. The attractive and unobtrusive bins fit nicely

into the streetscape and are constructed of 100% recycled plastic with a rigid plastic liner.

A twin container - one marked for "Trash" and the other "Recycle" - is located along the sidewalk at the Community Lot. Two single "Trash" receptacles are located near Thomas Drug Store and near Bicentennial Park. The soft colors are molded into the plastic and will never require painting. The bins are guaranteed against breakage for 50 years.



**TRASH/RECYCLING RECEPTACLES** - This attractive trash receptacle is located at the beautiful and inviting Bicentennial Park at W. Market and N. Liberty streets. Note the Little Free Library and vintage Orwigsburg street lamp also featured at this "pocket park."

The \$2,750 purchase was made possible through the group's non-profit arm - the Orwigsburg Community Revitalization Committee.

## Jason Jones Memorial Golf Tourney

There's still time to register for the 4th annual Captain Jason Jones Memorial Golf Tournament & Dinner. This event has activities for golfers, spouses and children featuring an ice cream social for kids from noon to 2:30 p.m. plus dinner and live music from 6 to 9 p.m. It all takes place Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Schuylkill Country Club, Rt. 443 just west of Orwigsburg.

Additional information can be found at [www.captainjasonjones.com/events](http://www.captainjasonjones.com/events). Online registration can be made at [birdeasepro.com/captainjasonjones](http://birdeasepro.com/captainjasonjones).

## Free smoke alarms ... installed!

Every day, seven people die in home fires, most in homes that lack working smoke alarms. Sadly, children and the elderly disproportionately lose their lives.

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September 7 - Green Dragon & Kitchen Kettle.....	\$29
September 8 - US Holocaust Museum.....	\$46
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September 11 - Mercy Me @ York Fair.....	\$57
September 11 - The Home Game.....	\$89
September 12 - Anchors Away.....	\$99
September 15 - Feast of San Gennaro.....	\$42
September 15 - Gourmet Food Shopping NYC.....	\$43
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September 19 - Doo-Wop Sock Hop.....	\$82
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pate in an "OFD Home Fire Campaign." This campaign helps save lives by installing free smoke alarms in homes that don't have them, and by educating people about home fire safety. Residents in the Orwigsburg area will be able to have smoke detectors installed in their homes by OFD volunteers and the Red Cross free-of-charge.

Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman says the date has not yet been determined, so stay tuned to the Borough website, the fire department's website [www.orwigsburgfire.com](http://www.orwigsburgfire.com), or the fire department Facebook page for more information.



## Orwigsburg Lions Golf Tourney

The 11th annual Orwigsburg Lions Club Golf Tournament will be played Thursday, Sept. 20 at Hidden Valley Golf Course. The tourney is limited to the first paid 100 golfers who will enjoy a day filled with golf, food, drinks, prizes, and a whole lot of fun. Net proceeds raised support the many service projects the local Lions Club spearhead each year.

Golf match format will be a 4-man scramble with two "mulligans" per golfer allowed. The cost is \$320 per foursome that includes greens fees and half motorized cart, lunch and dinner, drinks on the course, and a wide variety of hole and door prizes.

Email Lion Chris Nemits at [nemitsc@gmail.com](mailto:nemitsc@gmail.com) to register your foursome. Tee and green business sponsorships are available. Email Chris for information.

## Visit the OHS on Heritage Day

What better way to celebrate Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 8 than to visit the Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum, now in its 24th year. Located just one block off the Square at 109 E. Mifflin St. in the original Friendship Hose Company firehouse, the Society headquarters will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for tours and genealogy research.

In honor of Orwigsburg Heritage Day, a special program on the Revolutionary and Civil wars will be presented at 11 a.m. by local reenactors, Doug and Jeff Bender.

## Fall Clean-Up - No electronics

The Schuylkill County Fall Clean-Up will be held mid-September with convenient drop-off locations for a variety of waste products and bulky items. Details should be made available shortly on the county website and newspaper publications.

Electronics recycling WILL NOT be part of this clean-up for the third consecutive year. The Orwigsburg Borough website [www.orwigsburg.net](http://www.orwigsburg.net) has a list of businesses that will accept electronics - some free, some at a cost. Select the "Recycling/Garbage" link.

## Team Orwigsburg

Team Orwigsburg, a local faith-based mission  
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team, welcomes new faces at monthly meetings held the first Monday of each month at Salem United Methodist Church, S. Liberty St., Orwigsburg beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition to Team-O member's commitment of time and materials, the group relies on fundraisers to take on projects both locally and the one out-of-state work/mission trip done each spring.



Its fall fundraiser is a raffle drawing awarding three winners their choice of Dewalt power tools or cash. Tickets are being sold now through September with the drawing to take place Monday, Oct. 1. Only 250 tickets will be sold at \$5 each. Phone Susan McCartney at 570-943-2103 to purchase tickets or call Salem UM Church at 570-366-0201 and leave a message.

Team Orwigsburg has been a team of local volunteers for the past 13 years and will gladly share their story of mission work speaking to area churches or civic organizations.

Thank you to individuals and businesses in the greater Orwigsburg area for support these many years.

## Now available - Credit/debit bill pay

As this newsletter is being published, the due date

for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at [www.orwigsburg.net](http://www.orwigsburg.net) or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

The Borough utilizes the services of MuniPAY with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or e-check. A user fee of 2.45% or \$3, whichever is greater, will be assessed per transaction. The fee for e-check is \$1.50.

The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniPAY in order to provide the service. MuniPAY is an electronic payment processing option currently used by local Schuylkill County municipalities designed specifically for local government and utility agencies.



Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited



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Questions concerning these payment options may be directed to [kathi@orwigsburg.net](mailto:kathi@orwigsburg.net) or call 570-366-3103.

The Borough relies on these payments in order to meet the debt service and operating costs for the water, wastewater and sanitation services. If a bill is not paid after a short grace period, collection efforts will be initiated. If efforts to collect payments are unsuccessful, additional steps could include interruption of service and/or a lien placed on your property. Property owners are responsible for all costs incurred to collect past due obligations.

To avoid these actions and additional costs, property owners must make payment arrangements with the Borough. Have accounts up to date or a payment arrangement in place by then to avoid loss of service.

### Indoor and outdoor event rental spaces

Do you need an event space for an upcoming family reunion, holiday or birthday party, business meeting, or other gathering?



Outdoors, the pavilion at Albright's Woods on Grove Street is available for rent. The park has a

pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. Indoors, facilities at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall can be rented.

For further details and to lock in your reservation at either call the borough office at 570-366-3103.

### In need of health aids

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- Temporary tub hand rail
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The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.



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# Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

## Read Any Good Books Lately? We're So Much More!

Goodness gracious! Time flies while you are having fun ... and that's exactly what took place this summer at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library! Can't stop now; fall is filled with good things happening here also.

All are invited to stop in to see our new spacious and beautiful location at 216 W. Independence St. and be part of as many activities as possible. The library is on the first floor of the Independence Square senior living apartment building. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To find out more, visit the website [www.orwigsburglibrary.org](http://www.orwigsburglibrary.org), find us on Facebook, or call 570-366-1638

This is a "happening place." Every day there are special activities and group meetings. Join in! The library offers thousands of books, audio books, DVDs, magazines and e-books that are here for the community's enjoyment. Clubs, programs and activities are listed on the library's website, Facebook and bulletin board.

### Something to interest everyone

Your library is a gathering place for those with similar interests to meet and share those joys.

The Orwigsburg Book Club meets the last

Monday of each month at 6 p.m.; Knitters are at it every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. (all levels are welcome); Mahjongg tileists play on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday each month at 6 p.m. and also on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m.; Lego Club builders share their craft on the second Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (the library supplies the Legos); and Media Madness Club enthusiasts discuss movies, television shows, and anything else on the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### Family programming abounds

Regularly scheduled programs include Story Time on Tuesday mornings beginning at 10:30 for pre-school-aged children; weekly Family Programs are held Thursdays at 6 p.m.; and Play K activities and behaviors every Friday at 10:30 a.m. get 3-to-5 year olds ready to start kindergarten.

Saturday mornings are special for youngsters with a Building Block Party from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month; Play K for 3-to-5 year olds at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday; Story Time and a craft at 10 on the third Saturday; and Crafty Saturday for elementary age children at 10 a.m. on the fourth week.

### Upcoming special programs

Diakon Community Services just started a 6-week program - "Living a Healthy Life" - every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call or stop in August 13, 20 & 27, September 4 (a Tuesday) and Sept. 10.

Support the Orwigsburg Library with a portion of your meal purchase at the Oak Hill Inn on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 5 to 9 p.m.

A "Blow-Out Book Sale" will be held at the Independence Square/Library parking lot and garage area during the Orwigsburg Heritage Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get a Bag-O-Books for just \$5!

A Tarot Tea (tea party with a twist) is being planned on Sunday, Oct. 28. Stay tuned to the library website for more details.

And, of course, the Orwigsburg Holly Trail begins from the library on Saturday, Dec. 1 at noon.



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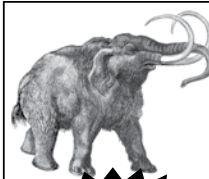


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## State Senator David G. Argall

### Historic Preservation Tax Credits Can Fight Blight

Pennsylvania is home to many great communities telling the story and history of our Commonwealth. From large cities to our small towns, each community has something that makes it distinctly unique.

Orwigsburg, for example, is known as a small town that captures the charm of years past. The borough is surrounded by a beautiful landscape of hills, forests and streams. The downtown area is a great place to meet with its many local restaurants and shops.

Though Orwigsburg has maintained both its historic roots and its population, many other communities throughout Pennsylvania have been experiencing a decline in both population and economic opportunities over past years. This can be attributed to a number of factors; but, the exodus of mining and manufacturing jobs is responsible for the majority of the decline in this region. As Chairman of the Senate Majority Policy Committee, I made it my goal to find new ways to breathe life back into many of these troubled communities.

I recently chaired a joint roundtable discussion with the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee regarding historic preservation tax credits. Members of the Senate met with representatives from various



Senator  
David Argall

organizations including Preservation Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the Pennsylvania Municipal League, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. The full discussion can be found on my website at [www.SenatorArgall.com](http://www.SenatorArgall.com) and will also be the subject of the August edition of the Argall Report.

Since 2012, the state's historic preservation tax credit program has been awarded to 61 projects across 15 counties. The program leveraged over \$700 million in private investment and federal tax credits. Projects that qualified for rehabilitation were approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for being consistent with the standards for historic buildings provided by the United States Secretary of the Interior. Guidelines and the application for this program can be found through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's website.

As we continue the progress of revitalizing Pennsylvania's cities and towns, I believe that these historic tax credits will be an important tool in the fight against blight. Now is that time to utilize these tax credits so they can fulfill their full potential and bring people and jobs back to our communities.

You can watch the August edition of the Argall Report on Comcast On-Demand, Channel 1 - Get Local - Government - State Senate or on my website.

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# State Representative Jerry Knowles

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**Representative  
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process of switching suppliers right then and there. And that's how you pay less for electricity.

I encourage you to shop for your electricity supplier and save money. Make sure to know all your options before signing any electricity supply contract. If you're contacted by a door-to-door solicitor, don't be pressured into rushing into an agreement. If you switched suppliers two or three years ago but haven't looked at the market since, I encourage you to take a fresh look. There may be better deals available than the terms you are currently paying.

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# Orwigsburg Historical Society

## Discover the History and Early Beginnings of Our Town

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by appointment. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.

The Museum and Community Room will also be open for Orwigsburg Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature a special "reenactor" program on both the Revolutionary and Civil wars, beginning at 11 a.m.

### Public invited to these society programs

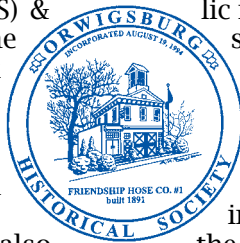
The Society's "Tracing Schuylkill County's Past" program series this year continues on Thursday, Aug. 16 with "Carved in Stone," the interpretation of Pennsylvania Dutch tombstone inscriptions and decorations presented by Patrick Donmoyer, director of the PA German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University.

On Thursday, Sept. 13, "Doll Collecting" is the program subject presented by Valarie Moyer, a collector and appraiser of dolls produced throughout American history. Moyer, a resident of Jonestown, also operates a "doll hospital" in that town. The pub-

lic is invited to attend with a favorite doll for discussion or one that is in need of "medical" attention.

Schuylkill County's "Coal Heavers: The 96th Pennsylvania Volunteers" will be presented on Thursday, Oct. 18 by David A. Ward, a Civil War historian and author.

The public is encouraged to attend these interesting programs in the Community Room of the society's headquarters. The monthly presentations begin at 7 p.m. with light refreshments served.



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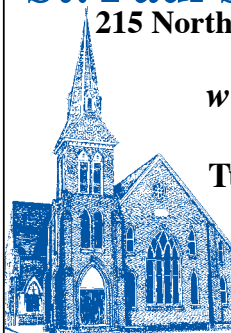
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### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Big Event – 4-week Youth Ministry starts Sept. 16

2nd Sunday – Grades 6-12. Ministry starts Oct. 14



# A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

## Zion's Red Church

Welcome to Zion's Red Church, a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ! The oldest congregation in Schuylkill County, the church is located at 1287 Centre Turnpike (Route 61) at Brick Hill Road. You can't miss it!



Sunday worship takes place in the ground floor chapel area during the summer through September 9, but will return to the sanctuary September 16. The time remains the same at 10:30 a.m.

World Communion will be celebrated Sunday, Oct. 7. We welcome all who have been baptized to take Communion. Looking ahead to other celebration Sundays, Harvest Home will be October 14 and Reformation Sunday will be October 28.

The musical duo "The Dogs" from Falkner Swamp UCC in Gilbertsville has been rescheduled as guest performer Sunday, Sept. 30 at the 10:30 a.m. service. This popular team conveys ministry through word and song. A luncheon and social hour will follow the service.

Harvest Home is part of the Zion's Red Church's wider mission to serve the community and share what God has graciously provided for us. All items col-

lected will be donated to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry.

Jane Powers, an independent consultant of Life Expressions will guide all who choose in a "Create a Sign" project. It will be an afternoon of fun on Sunday, Oct. 21 beginning at 3 p.m.

Additional church information can be found at [www.zionsredchurch.com](http://www.zionsredchurch.com).

## Kimmels Church

Kimmels Church, located at 179 Pine Creek Drive off Kimmels Road just east of Orwigsburg Borough, is a growing church family that has been an integral part of this community for more than 167 years.

But the church spirit is very young, alive and active. Whether you have been a church-goer for a long time, gotten out of the habit since your teenage years, or never been one at all, the church invites and welcomes all to participate in the church family.



On Sunday mornings, the nursery opens at 8:50 a.m.; adults and teens begin the morning with Sunday School at 9 a.m. and is followed by the worship service at 10. Communion takes place every first Sunday of the month and a time of Corporate Prayer is held that evening at 6:30 p.m.

Other regular ministries include the Iron Men Get-Together on Thursday mornings at 6 a.m. and the Hearts & Hands Prayer Ministry on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For the complete schedule of ministry programs and events, visit the website calendar page at [www.kimmelschurch.org](http://www.kimmelschurch.org).

Special programs and events upcoming include:

- Orwigsburg Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 8 - Kimmels will have a booth "on the square" with information, games for the children, handout balloons, and a lot more in addition to a bounce house that will be in action.
- Family Fun Day will be held Sunday, Sept. 9 - This kick-off to the fall season will feature a Celebration Worship Service followed by a Family Fun Day, both at the park in Deer Lake. All are welcome, just bring a side dish and join in for fun and games.



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### Heritage Day

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For a complete list of Kimmels Ministry Programs & Events, visit our calendar page at [www.kimmelschurch.org](http://www.kimmelschurch.org)

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- Each fall Kimmels Church hosts a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Program. Being a mom might be the hardest job you'll ever have, but we bet that it's the best one too! Sometimes you just need a safe space to breathe, and get much needed encouragement. The MOPS fall program "Find Your Fire" begins Tuesday, Sept. 11 and continues every 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Childcare is provided. To learn more and to register, visit [www.mops.org/join](http://www.mops.org/join) and enter code UCL4.

Kimmels Church will again be the official "tea and cookies" stop on the Orwigsburg Holly Trail. Mark your calendar now and plan to stop by on Saturday, Dec. 1.

## Salem UM Church

Salem United Methodist Church - where Liberty meets Independence - offers three unique worship services each Sunday. A traditional worship is held at 8:45 a.m.; a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m.; and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. and Children's Choir is held during the 10:45 worship for grades one through five. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffee-house style worship experience, held Sunday evenings in Sandherr Hall. In a small group setting, we share the Good News of Christ through messages, discussions and Christian films. SNL meets at 6:30 p.m., except on meal and movie nights (next one on Sept. 9), when SNL begins at 6.

Salem hosts a Free Block Party to celebrate community at the close of traditional summer. All are invited to enjoy this Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 3 to 7 p.m. Food, games, and live entertainment are all FREE as Salem's gift to the community.

The 4th annual OrWINGSburg Chicken Wing Contest will also be held at the church. All you great cooks can enter your wings for a chance to be the best in town! Look for information on how to register on our webpage and on posters throughout town.

Kick-off Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 8 with a hearty Pancake & Sausage Breakfast served indoors at Salem Church on Independence Street from 7



to 11 a.m. before you head to Centre Square to celebrate the day. Salem will also have a Welcoming Booth "on the square" with face painting and free goodies.

October brings Salem's annual A Whole New Boo Halloween Event on Wednesday evening during the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade. Plan to parade with Salem Church and join in other fun activities. Youngsters will each receive a "bigger than fun-siz" candy bag. Adults are encouraged to dress and march as well. Pre-register beginning October 1 on the website [www.SalemUM.com](http://www.SalemUM.com). Costume judging starts at 6 p.m. followed by marching/riding in the parade that finishes at the church where all participants will receive their prizes!

Family Movie Nights return on Friday, Oct. 26 and continue monthly through spring, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Supper, drinks, snacks and, of course, fresh popcorn are provided. Bring a blanket but regular seating is provided. This is a free event offered to all in the community.

The 13th annual Holiday Stop and Shop will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Up to 18 vendors will be displaying/selling goods and services. Team Orwigsburg will hold its Soup and Bake Sale to help fund its mission.

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## Salem United Methodist Church



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**Sept. 8 - Heritage Day Breakfast - 7-11 a.m.**

**Oct. 24 - A Whole New BOO at Halloween  
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Our Mission at Salem Church is TLC - Transforming Lives through Christ. Salem welcomes all who are searching and seeking to visit and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ.

## St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., and the Rev. Dr. Jan Remer-Osborn, pastor, welcomes everyone - no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - to join in worship, Bible studies, health-related groups, and all other church events.



Pastor Jan and St. John's offer spirit-filled worship for contemporary souls. Sunday worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday school begins again on September 10 for children in kindergarten through 6th grade and is held during the worship service. Communion is offered the first Sunday of every month and the Lord's table is open to anyone who is seeking Jesus. Children may take communion with the permission of their parents.

Pastor Jan welcomes all church and community members for coffee chats at 419 Market Café & Eatery on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 and the Market Square Coffee House at 118 West Market, same times, on Wednesdays. Weekly small group study of the Bible

and current events are held on Tuesdays, beginning September 11, at Valenti's Italian Restaurant from 5:25 to 6:15 p.m. A monthly first-Wednesday Community Nite begins Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, for families and friends to meet and eat.

St. John's Apple Fest, always in conjunction with Orwigsburg Heritage Day, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. until sold out, features fresh apple pies, dumplings, and apple crisp. A light lunch will be served and the drawing for a handmade quilt will be held at 1 p.m. Pastor Jan will entertain on her folk harp.

The public is encouraged to attend New Horizons presentations this fall. Local adventurer and writer, Cindy Ross, will share her unique journey raising her children while traveling the world on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

A program of inter-faith and understanding will be featured Thursday, Oct. 18. A movie on Islamic faith and history will be shown and followed by a discussion led by Rubina Tareen of the Schuylkill Islamic Center.

St. John's "Grocery Cart Ghouls" will march in Orwigsburg's Halloween Parade. Parade watchers are encouraged to "stuff the carts" with non-perishable food items in this fall drive to aid the Orwigsburg Food Pantry.

The Pantry is housed in St. John's and is supported through eight area churches. Food and monetary donations are always needed. Those in need or to get more information can call the church office. Food distribution is made the third Saturday each month from 9 to 11 a.m.

Many area groups are hosted by St. John's and its health ministry brings in programs throughout the year to benefit the community. The Fellowship Hall is available to rent for private parties. Information on all activities at St. John's can be found at [stjohnorwigsburg.org](http://stjohnorwigsburg.org), call the church office at 570-366-2255, or follow on Facebook.

## St. Paul's Lutheran

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**Sept. 30 – Children-led Worship**

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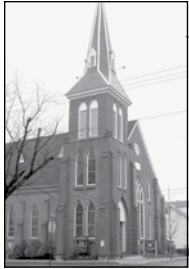


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The summer worship schedule continues through Labor Day weekend, September 1-2 and includes a Saturday service at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

A return to the regular schedule begins September 8-9 with Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m., two services on Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m., and the return of Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.



Two youth ministry series of programs will begin this fall. The "Big Event" is a unique 4-week youth series that starts on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:15 a.m. Then, beginning in October, an on-going youth ministry for tweens and teens (and their parents) in grades six through 12 will be held on the second Sunday each month in the evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m., starting October 14.

Worshippers are encouraged to bring their pets to services on Saturday or Sunday, Oct. 6 & 7 to receive a special "Blessing of the Animals."

The public is invited to St. Paul's annual Service Ministry Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bazaar features great food, a Chinese auction of gift baskets, local vendors and craft dealers showing/selling their wares, and a wonderful variety of homemade candy and pies for purchase. All pro-

ceeds will be used by the church to benefit the greater Orwigsburg community.

## Lighthouse Church

The Lighthouse Church (TLC), located along Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane just south of Orwigsburg, is gearing up for a change of season!



People of every generation and background are invited to join us. The regular Sunday services at The Lighthouse Church begin at 9 a.m. There is contemporary worship, a children's program and a time for fellowship afterwards. Pastor Bryan is currently preaching a series called Life in the Spirit. Come and experience this important message.

Evening classes for all ages will be offered beginning this fall. On tap will be an adult Bible study mid-week. A kids' program with fun activities, music and snacks will also be featured.

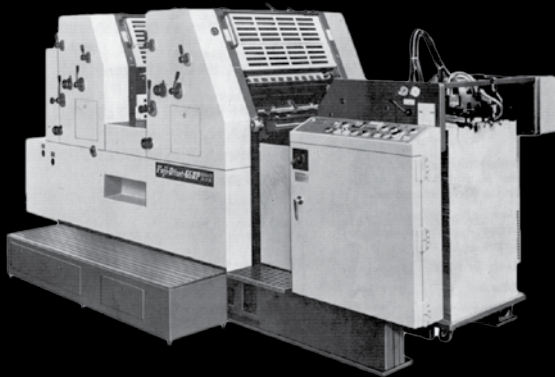
The Lighthouse Church hosts many youth activities, women's meetings and a men's breakfast throughout each month.

All are welcome and invited to join TLC as we are Turning hearts to God, Loving each other, and Caring for our world. Additional information can be found on the website [www.thelighthousechurch.com](http://www.thelighthousechurch.com), Facebook, or call the office at 570-366-1300.



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